

An. Code, 1924, sec. 154. 1912, sec. 126. 1904, sec. 114. 1888, sec. 87. 1868, ch. 471, sec. 119. 1929, ch. 571, sec. 154.

**153.** The corporation may agree with the owners for the lands or property of any kind whatsoever, or interest therein, necessary for the abutments of the bridge and the lands necessary for the digging, constructing and maintaining of a canal, and for roads and ways thereto, and for earth or stone required in the construction of said bridge or of said canal and of said ways, approaches, terminals, docks and wharves; and the rights acquired by agreement shall be conveyed by deed, duly acknowledged and recorded. In case of failure to agree, or of disability of the owners to contract, or of their absence from the State, the corporation may obtain the lands, or property of any kind, or interest therein, earth and stone by condemnation. The corporation may proceed to condemn under the provisions of Article 33A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Eminent Domain," or it may proceed, and is hereby expressly authorized so to do, under the provisions applicable to railroad companies set forth in Sections 206 and 207 of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Corporations."

As to condemnation by other corporations, see secs. 185, 206, 296, 335, 319, 328 and 329, *et seq.* See also art. 33A.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 155. 1912, sec. 127. 1904, sec. 115. 1888, sec. 88. 1868, ch. 471, sec. 120.

**154.** When a bridge located in one county shall be completed, the president and directors of the corporation shall report in writing to the county commissioners of said county, under the oath or affirmation of the president and a majority of the directors, and of the treasurer of the company, the actual cost of construction of said bridge; and the county commissioners shall appoint three persons to examine the same and report whether it has been constructed in such a substantial and durable manner as is required to promote the public convenience, and the report shall be reviewed and ratified, or rejected by the county commissioners, who may appoint other persons to report thereon, in their discretion; and if it shall be finally determined by the county commissioners that the bridge is erected in a proper manner, they may authorize the corporation to charge such rates of toll as may be sufficient to yield a net dividend of eight per centum per annum to the stockholders or members of said corporation, making due allowance always for cost of necessary repairs and reconstruction from accident or otherwise.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 156. 1912, sec. 128. 1904, sec. 116. 1888, sec. 89. 1868, ch. 471, sec. 121.

**155.** The corporation shall revise the rates of toll every six months for three years from the completion of the bridge, and shall report at each period to the county commissioners the gross amounts of receipt and expenditure; and the rates of toll shall be so readjusted, if need be, as to yield not more than eight per centum net dividend; and at any time thereafter the corporation shall, on demand of the county commissioners, report the amounts of receipt and expenditure for any period demanded, and the tolls shall be readjusted so as to yield not more than said dividend. The rates of toll to be charged shall be specified in writing by the county commissioners.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 157. 1912, sec. 130. 1904, sec. 118. 1888, sec. 91. 1868, ch. 471, sec. 123.

**156.** The written authority or warrant of the county commissioners and of the governor, in the respective cases, shall be evidence of the right